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**Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

- ☒ continuation  
☐ continuation-in-part  
☐ divisional

application of pending prior Application No. 09/420,671, filed on October 19, 1999.

Inventor(s): Desmond T. Curran et al.

Title: MANNER OF ATTACHING COMPONENT ELEMENTS TO FILTRATION MATERIAL SUCH AS MAY BE UTILIZED IN RESPIRATORY MASKS

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. ☒ Enclosed is a substitute specification (clean copy and marked copy). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
5. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/420,671 filed October 19, 1999.

6. ☐ Please cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- 7a. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, 1449 form, and references are enclosed.
8. ☒ 13 sheet(s) of drawings, along with a Letter to the Official Draftsman, are enclosed.
9. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

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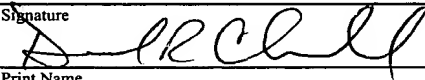
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**LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN**

Enclosed is a formal drawing in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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